National Labor Relations Board

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General Information: What does the NLRB do?

In its statutory assignment, the NLRB has two principal functions:

- (1) to determine, through secret ballot elections, the free democratic choice by employees whether they wish to be represented by a union in dealing with their employers and if so, by which union; and
- (2) to prevent and remedy unlawful acts, called unfair labor practices, by either employers or unions. This agency does not act on its own motion in either function. It processes only those charges of unfair labor practices and petitions for employee elections that are filed with the NLRB in one of its 52 Regional, Subregional, or Resident Offices.

The Pittsburgh Regional Office covers Western and Central Pennsylvania and 26 counties in West Virginia. No appointment is necessary and Information Officers are available during office hours 8:30am to 5:00pm and can be contacted @ 412-395-4400.